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President to Retire

Rev. Henry R. De Bolster is retiring from his position as president of Redeemer College. On July 1, 1994 he will hand the reins to a successor.

Although the Board of Governors accepted his notice with regret, President De Bolster is very much at peace with his decision. "I've been used very well to get the college off the ground and now it's time to let someone else continue the work," he says.

The president expresses his appreciation for the prayerful and practical support of Redeemer College's faculty, staff and constituency as a source of great encouragement.

"Through the years the Board of Governors has stood by me in an exemplary way both in good times and in times of great stress. I thank God for all of you."

In response on behalf of the Board, Chairman William De Jong notes the outstanding contribution President De Bolster has made in guiding

Redeemer College during its first ten years of operation, and his tireless zeal for his Lord and for the college.

President De Bolster was instrumental in the formation of the Ontario Christian College Association, the parent organization of the college. In 1981, he was selected by the Board to be the first president. At his retirement he will have served thirteen years.

The Board of Governors is busy looking for a replacement. They have appointed a presidential search committee with representation from the support community, board, academic council, faculty, administration, staff, students and alumni. ➡



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COMING EVENTS

May 29 - Graduation: 102 students are expected to graduate. This is the college's largest graduating class. Dr. Mariano Di Gangi will speak on

"Standard of Excellence." 2:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available. Call Richard Wikkerink at Redeemer College for information.

June 7-11 - Milk and Honey Summer Festival. A Christian vacation experience focusing on "Living in the

Kingdom". Registration has been finalized.

June 8 - First Alumni Concert with Fred DeHaan, piano; Stephanie Van Rooyen, organ; the Alumni Concert Choir and Christiaan Teeuwssen conducting. Tickets: \$5.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Once again we were allowed to finish an academic year without interruption. We thank God that our students experienced no

catastrophic illnesses and that no one was taken from us. On Saturday, May 29, 1993, at 2.00 p.m. we hope, D.V. to graduate 102 students, the largest class of students ever, and possibly the largest class for some time to come. We are looking forward to this occasion. Graduation is a very festive event.

I am proud of our graduates, especially when I hear how well they have conducted themselves in interviews, both for graduate school and for positions as teachers. It is heartwarming to note that our graduates are making significant inroads in gaining acceptance into an ever widening array of master's programs. We see clear evidence every day that the Lord is blessing the education our students are receiving at Redeemer College.

Once our students have left, members of faculty involve themselves in their area of research. Summer is a busy time for them. We ask God to bless them as they push the limits of knowledge and insight.

My continued thanks go to you our

faithful support community. Your willingness to make sacrifices on our behalf makes me humble and grateful. We still need \$200,000 before the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, and in order to provide you with an opportunity to share in that responsibility we have sent our year-end appeal letter. The economy is still giving us difficulties so please give this appeal your serious and generous attention.

Mr. Bert Seinen, our Senior Director of Finance, Administration and Student Life, will be leaving us at the end of June to return to the West. We wish Bert and his family God's blessing as they once again make their home in Alberta.

The College is now interviewing to fill two major vacancies: a Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and a Dean of Students. Pray that God will guide the right persons to these critical positions.

God has blessed us tremendously through you, His people. We are mindful that you hold us up in prayer before the throne of grace. We do experience that God hears and answers those prayers, for He gives us the strength and courage to continue. He gave us another year in which we were able to serve Him in higher Christian learning. Boldly we step forward in faith. Praise be to God.

Henry R. De Bolster

OSAP Changes Benefit Students

Significant changes in the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for the 1993-94 academic year mean significant benefits for needy Redeemer College students.

In an overall money-saving move, the Ontario government revamped the entire assistance program, eliminating grants and changing the way loans are assessed.

The changes are of greatest benefit to those students who qualify for OSAP at approved private post-secondary institutions in Canada, such as Redeemer College.

"Under the new system the average Redeemer student will receive more OSAP assistance than before," says Redeemer's financial aid officer, Jim Van Geest. "Benefits will be higher because of the increased total maximum and the use of the more generous loan assessment formula for the actual cost of tuition."

Students can be assessed for a weekly loan maximum of \$275 which adds up to \$9,350 for Redeemer's 34-week school year. Any loan amount over \$5,570 per year, on average, may be forgiven.

"That means at the end of their education, students may only have to pay back \$5,570 per year even if they borrowed substantially more," explains Van Geest.

In previous years a student could only borrow up to \$5,570 for a 34-week school year. This amount could be supplemented by a grant set at an arbitrary maximum of \$1,550 at private institutions and \$2,550 at public institutions per term for dependent students.

Nominees to the

Board of Governors of Redeemer College

The Board of Governors of Redeemer College invites the membership of the university to submit names of nominees to the Board of Governors from the following areas:

Oshawa/Bowmanville

Barrie/Orillia

Owen Sound/Listowel

A brief biography of each nominee would be helpful.
Please call (416)648-2131 no later than May 31, 1993.

The Governors' Affairs Committee, Redeemer College,
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The cast of the main-stage production *Nothing Sacred* by Canadian playwright, George F. Walker, directed by T. David VanBelle. The play is set in the turmoil of pre-revolutionary Russia and is based on Ivan Turgenev's masterwork, *Fathers and Sons*.

T. DAVID VANBELLE

Dramatic Growth in Theatre Arts

by David Van Der Molen

He acts and he directs ... and he would like to make theatre arts his vocation. A pioneer Redeemer College theatre arts major, fifth-year student T. David VanBelle has seen theatre arts grow from a program with one annual main-stage production to two; and this spring he directed that second main-stage show.

"To be involved in the theatre (as a Christian) is very challenging," he admits. "It is difficult to be a Christian in the secular theatre, and it is difficult to be a Christian among Christians in the theatre. It's a continuous battle for me to convince people theatre does

have a place in a Christian lifestyle other than as a tool for evangelism or preaching the gospel."

VanBelle who also majors in English, says he chose the theatre arts major midway through his first year during involvement with a main-stage production. That year he also joined Black Box players, a student-run theatre group which he co-directed in his second year.

VanBelle has acted in six main-stage shows. He has starred in George M. Cohan's *The Tavern*, in *Ten Lost Years* based on the book by Barry Broadfoot and in *You Never Can Tell* by George Bernard Shaw. Of all

his roles, VanBelle found the vagabond in *The Tavern* most challenging technically. "It was very energetic and demanding. I had to learn how to play a comic broad farcical style," he says. On the other hand, the most emotionally challenging role was the Hobo in *Ten Lost Years*.

He has also participated in numerous one-act plays at the Redeemer studio theatre, a small experimental theatre seating approximately eighty.

Overall, VanBelle appreciates the Theatre Arts program. I've had a lot of opportunities to do work that I wouldn't have had otherwise." Directing the main-stage production, *"Nothing Sacred"* by George F. Walker is a case in point.

VanBelle, a graduate of Hamilton District Christian High School, where he was also heavily involved in dramatic arts is looking toward a Master of Fine Arts in Directing. He is applying at several universities. He would also like to earn an MA in Dramatic Literature.

The theatre arts program at Redeemer helped VanBelle realize he must continually be thinking about his goal in theatre. He is repeatedly challenged to reconcile the expectations of the support community with his own need for doing honest theatre. Differing opinions within the support community and the college itself concerning play selection criteria cause him to examine his role... "How I relate to my God, and how to maintain my Christian integrity while being involved in the theatre." ➤

EVENINGS WITH REDEEMER COLLEGE

Proclaiming a Well-Kept Secret

Many Christians are unaware of the excellent Christian university education available at Redeemer College.

In an effort to present Redeemer College to Christians across the province, College Community Council sponsors *Evenings with Redeemer College*. This past year they have

hosted events in Woodstock, Chatham, Belleville and Ottawa.

For a typical evening, community representatives, board members, parents of students and alumni work with faculty, administration and students to bring the sights and sounds of Redeemer College to a

chosen community. Presentations and entertainment showcase the college, encouraging new members and inviting high school students to apply.

An *Evening with Redeemer College* for Hamilton/Niagara will be held on June 8 at the college.

If you are interested in having an *Evening with Redeemer College* in your community, contact Rick De Graaf at (416)648-2131. ➤

NEWS BRIEFS

A Lion in the Library

There is a red lion purring in the library. Red Lion is the abbreviated name for *Redeemer Library On-line* book filing system. Redeemer library pa-



Library staff and students celebrate the arrival of the Red Lion.

trons are now able to identify and locate books by computer. No more bulky card catalogue.

To mark the changeover, staff and students celebrated with skits, songs speeches and refreshments. Student workers flung obsolete index cards from the second floor balcony in the main foyer while library staff formally cut a ribbon of index cards.

Now that the library's 100,000 volume liberal arts library collection is filed *on-lion*, library staff will move on to phase two of computerization. Books will be bar-coded this summer. If all goes as scheduled, automated circulation procedures will be introduced in September. ♦♦

Redeemer Graduate Earns 'Excellence in Achievement' at Clark Atlanta University

Clark Atlanta University (CAU) in Atlanta, Georgia recently honoured Maureen G. Elgersma, a 1991 Redeemer graduate, with an Excellence in Achievement Award. Elgersma is putting the final touches on her mas-

ter's thesis at CAU and received the award for maintaining straight A's throughout her program in African American Studies.

She is scheduled to receive her MA this July as part of the Class of 1993 at CAU. She writes, "Coming out after two years seems to be a feat within this program and my colleagues are more proud of me than I am. It is a nice feeling."

Her thesis is entitled, "The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and the Development of African Enclaves in the Cities of St. Catharines, Hamilton, and Toronto, Canada West, 1850-1861." ♦♦

BRONZE AND SILVER

Redeemer Royals Deliver for Home Crowds

This season the women's indoor soccer team and the men's volleyball team both earned medals in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) tournaments at Redeemer College.

In separate weekend tournaments



OCAA Division II Volleyball Championship tournament: Here a spike by Mike Baker of the Royals comes up against a Conestogsa Condors block. Royals took this match and went on to beat the Niagara Knights in a semifinal. Cambrian Green Shield won the final, three games to one.



Lady Royals indoor soccer team with bronze medals—the taste is sweet.

played in front of large home crowds, the men came up with a silver and the women produced a bronze.

Tracy Van Dijk of the Lady Royals was named MVP (most valuable player) for the indoor soccer tournament.

"Redeemer had definite advantage because of the crowd," stated volleyball MVP Andy Davis, the setter for the gold-medal winners, Cambrian Green Shield. As reported in *The Hamilton Spectator*, Davis also noted that playing at Redeemer College "would have been fun even if we lost....There are a lot of games where there are some jerks on the other team swearing at you. These guys (Christian athletes for Redeemer) are great." ♦♦

65 New Trees Spruce up Campus

This spring 65 locust, oak and linden trees are being planted in various locations on campus thanks to John and Jocelyn Langendoen of Willowbrook Nurseries in Fenwick, Ontario. Mr. Langendoen generously donated the 12-foot trees along with planting materials.

The oak will form a line on the west edge of the gravel parking lot across from the residences; the linden are being planted along the east side of the academic building; and the locust trees along the drive which leads to Kitty Murray Lane on the western edge of the property. The Lord willing, the trees will grow to grace the campus for many years to come. ♦♦

President Receives a Medal

His Excellency The Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn recently awarded President Henry R. De Bolster a Commemorative Medal for the 125 Anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

This award is made to persons who have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community, or to their fellow Canadians. The decoration is intended as a reminder of the values of service, individual respect, and community effort on which Canada was built and on which its quality of life will always depend.

Congratulations Rev. De Bolster. ♦♦

Irrational Week

If you happened to visit the campus during the last week in March, you may have noticed some irrational behaviour. Uniformed customs officers would have questioned you as you entered the Federal Republic of



Dr. Justin Cooper pays duty on his way into the Federal Republic of Redeemer College.

Redeemer College, a self-declared democratic neo-Calvinist Dooyeweerdian oligarchy.

You might have noticed the red and yellow asterisk flag flying on the pole. You might also have noticed persons carrying plastic guns with suction cup darts; faculty and staff in jeans or coveralls; and students in suits and gowns. Very irrational.

It was all part of a week of activities designed to break the routine of university life as students entered the final leg of the school year. ♦♦



Sam (left) watches as Fred Breukelman (on roof) and Phil Hosmar (right) work on his home.

A Mission to Mississippi

by Grace Pool and Pete Ton

During reading week in February, fourteen Redeemer students, two chaperons, their clothes, food and building supplies were stuffed into a van and a station wagon. Twenty-four hours later, they arrived at Port Gibson, Mississippi, USA.

The students, along with Rik and Aleke Dekker were on a mission trip to repair homes for the poor. Two jobs took most of their attention.

Several of the volunteers spent two days at Eleanor's house, where they repaired the ceiling and roof. Then they joined the rest of the volunteers

building an 8' by 10' addition for Sam's 8' by 10' home. Sam is a crippled man in his eighties. Since his mother's death, he has been living in a shack in his brother Simon's backyard. Besides doubling Sam's living space, the volunteers added a sun deck and a new wheelchair ramp.

Participants saw the mission trip as an opportunity to share God's love in a concrete way. They agreed: the relationships formed and developed with each other and the people they met in Port Gibson were the best part of the experience. ♦♦

Dr. Al Wolters and the Dead Sea Scrolls

by David Van Der Molen

Although the Bible is readily available in Canada, scrolls dating back to Old Testament times are accessible to only a few scholars. Dr. Al Wolters, professor of religion and theology/classical languages at Redeemer College is one of those scholars.

During the summer of 1991 he travelled to Amman, Jordan to examine the Copper Scroll, one of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dr. Wolters, who has been teaching at Redeemer College since 1984, works extensively with ancient Hebrew. It was while preparing a new edition of an English translation of the Copper Scroll for a British publisher that he gained access to the scroll in Amman.

Before going to Amman, he worked with virtually illegible photographs of the scroll, and then with a hand-drawn facsimile.

"The Copper Scroll gives me a

chance to dig into an interesting phase of the history of the Hebrew language," says Dr. Wolters. He adds that the Copper Scroll has an inherent interest, because it consists of a list of buried treasures, including silver, gold, priestly vestments, and temple vessels, that can be found in 64 places mainly in and around Jerusalem. Unlike the other Dead Sea Scrolls which are written on parchment or papyrus, the Copper Scroll is punched onto three copper sheets that have been rivetted together "to form a kind of facsimile of a scroll," explains Dr. Wolters.

In addition to giving conference papers on the Copper Scroll, Dr. Wolters appeared on the CBC Radio program "Ideas" and also lectured on the scroll while in Jordan.

It is estimated there are about 800 documents making up the Dead Sea



Biblical scholar and professor of religion and theology/classical languages, Dr. Al Wolters.

Scrolls. Over the years they have partially disintegrated so that there are now tens of thousands of fragments.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the late 1940's by an Arab goatherd. He heard something crack when he threw a stone into a cave in the cliff above the western shore of the Dead Sea. Inside the cave he discovered an earthenware jar containing what we now know as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Although the Revised Standard and New International Versions of the Bible make use of the copies of parts of Scripture found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, including one scroll consisting of the book of Isaiah, "many are nonbiblical in nature," says Dr. Wolters. The nonbiblical scrolls consist of passages from apocryphal works while others relate to the regulations of a sect which many scholars believe was based at Qumran, near the Dead Sea.

Although Dr. Wolters has found his study of the Copper Scroll to be rewarding, his main interest is in Biblical studies. In the next few years, he plans to write a commentary on the book of Zechariah.

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Redeemer Foundation Scholarships - 1993

Not even a major snowstorm could keep candidates and interviewers away from the Redeemer Foundation Scholarship Weekend held in March at the college.

In all, 60 candidates were interviewed for 20 Leadership Scholarships worth \$1,250 each; while eight hopefuls were interviewed for Academic Achievement Scholarships each \$2,000 in value and renewable for a total of \$8,000.

The evaluation process for both scholarships include a minimum grade requirement, a written essay and an

interview. References are also required for the Leadership Scholarship.

The staff and Board of Directors of the Redeemer Foundation recognize the following students for their accomplishments and congratulate them on being chosen as recipients of the Academic Achievement and Leadership Scholarships.

Scholarship Winners

Academic Achievement Scholarships (\$8,000 over 4 years)

Katharina Bastian	Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, Peterborough
Karen Brink	London District Christian Secondary School
James Kralt	Hamilton District Christian High School
Deborah Visser	Quinte Christian High School, Belleville

Leadership Scholarships (\$1,250)

Michelle Aukema	London District Christian Secondary School
Jeff Bakker	Beacon Christian High School
Patricia Bos	London District Christian Secondary School
Bradford Bosch	Glenview Park Secondary School, Cambridge
Glenna Buffinga	London District Christian Secondary School
John-Michael Dykstra	Heritage Christian High School, Beamsville
Carolyn Eygenraam	Toronto District Christian High School
Gwenda Hiemstra	London District Christian Secondary School
Stephen Hitchcock	Queensway Christian High School, Mississauga
Gary Hoftyzer	Quinte Christian High School, Belleville
Cheryl Huizinga	Smithville District Christian High School
Caroline Johnston	Colonel By Secondary School, Gloucester
Nicole McCabe	St. Theresa's High School, Midland
Jonathan Shepherd	Fellowes High School, Pembroke
Heather Smith	Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute
Edward Stennett	Iroquios Falls Secondary School
Justin Tazi	Fellowes High School, Pembroke
Lori-Ann Vreugdenhil	Quinte Christian High School, Belleville
Gordon Wishart	Banting Memorial High School, Alliston
Geraldine Zietsma	Hamilton District Christian High School

Special thanks go to the Redeemer Alumni Association for providing funds for a number of the Leadership Scholarships through the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund (ASEF).

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ADVANCE NOTICE

An Appeal is Underway

This month you should be receiving our annual May appeal letter. We need you to help provide affordable Christ-centred university education in Ontario. Your support keeps Redeemer College viable. We pray you'll consider and act on the appeal when it comes.

FACULTY UPDATE

Inauguration



Dr. Van der Meer at inauguration, flanked by Dr. Justin Cooper, Vice President (Academic) and President De Bolster.

Dr. Jitse Van der Meer was inaugurated as Professor of Biology in February. At the ceremony he spoke on "Beliefs in Science: Taking the Measure of Methodological Materialism."

Promotions and Tenure

In January Dr. Jacob Ellens, Dr. David Koyzis and Dr. Mary Leigh Morbey were each promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure.

In April Dr. John Byl and Dr. Justin Cooper were also each promoted to Associate Professor and Dr. Theodore Plantinga was promoted to full professor.

Research Grants

During 1992/93 the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada awarded Redeemer College \$2,222 in general research grants; a Pascal Collections grant of \$2,500; and \$9,321 as aid to small universities; for a total of \$14,043 in grants.

For the 1993/94 year the Research Council has already awarded a \$2,000 general research grant and \$8,919 as aid to small universities.

Dr. Lawrence Howe, Dr. Gene Haas and Dr. John Byl have each been awarded internal research grants.

Books

Al Wolters saw the publication of *Do Plnosti Stvorenia* (Ostrava, 1992) which is the Slovak translation of his book *Creation Regained* (1985).

Articles

John Byl published "Why physical educators should know about The Margaret Eaton School," in the spring issue of *CAHPER Journal*. His Reflexion column in *Christian Courier* included "Working at Christ's call to play" (Jan.22); "The Canadian figure skating championships: Beautiful" (Feb.19); and "Cheering 'the Russian Rocket'" (March 10).

David Koyzis published "Altar Calls in Our Churches?" in *Campus Current: A Journal of Campus Ministry* (Nov.1992). In his column, "Across the Globe" in *Christian Courier*, he wrote "Allegiance and citizenship don't always coincide" (Feb.19); "American presidents must be monarchs and prime ministers" (Jan.22); "Pressure on for Cyprus solution" (Dec.18/92); "A tradition of unwritten laws," (Nov. 20/92) and "Near to perfection" (Oct.23/92).

Al Wolters continues to write a monthly column entitled Bible Notebook in *Christian Courier*.

Concerts

Christian Teeuwesen directed the Redeemer College Concert Choir on tour in February. Concerts were held in Woodstock, Drayton, Clinton, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Breslau and Guelph, Ontario.

Christiaan Teeuwesen (organ) and Stuart Laughton (trumpet) performed at Redeemer College in February. Teeuwesen also performed on the organ at Centenary United Church in Hamilton in March. The concert featured works by Lizst, Weckmann, Buxtehude, Lubeck and J.S. Bach.

Presentations

David Benner and John Krueger presented workshops to Christian High School Guidance Counsellors and Youth Workers in April at Redeemer College.

John Byl presented a paper entitled "Coming to Terms with Physically Active

Play, Games, Sport and Athletics" at the Christianity and Leisure Conference held at Calvin College in January; and lectured on "Sport Historiography and the Development of Canadian Physical Education: A Case Study of the Margaret Eaton School (1901-1942)" at McMaster University in February.

Hugh Cook read from his fiction at the Christian Farmers' Federation of Ontario in December and at Jubilee Christian Reformed Church in St. Catharines in February.

He also held a public reading at the Hamilton and Region Arts Council Literary Festival in Dundas as part of National Book Week in April.

David Koyzis presented a paper, entitled "Reclaiming the Polis; The Anticosmopolitan Vision and the Quest for Genuine Political Community," at the conference on Fragmentation and The Desire for Order/Unity at Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta in April.

Ray Louter spoke on "Cultural Literacy" to teachers of Eastern Ontario in Kingston, Ontario in February.

James Rooks led regional workshops for teachers of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS). The workshops were held in London, Hamilton, Holland Marsh, and Kingston on promoting language rich classroom environments.

Thea Van Til Rusthoven lectured on "French conversation in the Elementary School Classroom: Goals, Conditions and Activities" at the Niagara/Guelph OCSTA district professional development day in February.

Susan Van Weelden presented a workshop, "The Lowdown on TQM" at the OACS winter workshops in February; and spoke on "Leadership for Change" at the 9th Annual Convention of the Canadian Christian Business Federation in March.

Al Wolters presented (in absentia) a paper entitled "The meaning of kishor (Prov.31:19)" at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Francisco in November; and an invited paper entitled "History and the Copper Scroll" at a conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, in New York City in December. ♦♦